

RICHMOND

Buggies Unlimited a Finalist for U.S. Small Business of the Year

Buggies Unlimited, a Richmond company that specializes in golf cart accessories and parts, has been selected as a finalist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award.

The company is one of only seven remaining in contention for the award, selected from a group of 60 nominees. The companies were evaluated based on excellence in financial performance, business history, staff training and motivation, community involvement, customer service and business planning.

Among the reasons the company stood out was its response several years ago when faced with a sluggish economy and employee embezzlement. At that time, Buggies Unlimited made the decision to change its business focus to capitalize on the growing use of the Internet and increased private ownership of golf carts. As a result, the company increased sales 700 percent between 2002 and 2005.

In 2005, the company was named as Commerce Lexington's Small Business of the Year. This year, it was selected as one of Kentucky's "Best Places to Work."

The U.S. Chamber award will be announced next month during the organization's annual small-business conference.



Buggies Unlimited photo

Buggies Unlimited has seen its sales of specialized golf cart accessories soar.